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SUBJ: DEATH OF FORMER IRISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN A. COSTELLO

1. FORMER TAOISEACH (PRIME MINISTER) JOHN A. COSTELLO DIED IN DUBLIN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 5. HE WAS PRIME MINISTER IN TWO COALITION GOVERNMENTS, 1948-1951 AND 1954-1957. A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AND FINE GAEL POLITICIAN, HE WAS AWARDED HONARARY DEGREES BY FORDHAM, CATHOLIC U, ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.) AND IONA COLLEGE.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD ADDRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER LIAM COSGRAVE. SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND DEEP SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER JOHN A. COSTELLO. AMERICANS KNEW HIM AS A MAN DEDICATED TO THE RULE OF LAW, AS A STATESMAN AND AS A MAN OF PEACE. WE WILL LONG REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS DEVOTION TO PRINCIPLES IRELAND AND AMERICA BOTH HOLD DEAR. UNQUOTE.

3. FYI: THE AMBASSADOR'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD FOLLOWS: QUOTE I EXTEND TO YOU, TO THE COSTELLO FAMILY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER TAOISEACH JOHN A. COSTELLO. OUR SHARED TRADITIONS OF DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW WERE EPITOMIZED IN THIS GREAT IRISH STATESMAN. AMERICANS GAVE RECOGNITION TO THESE QUALITIES IN JOHN A. UNCLASSIFIED

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